

EXPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PHILIPPINES

ELIGIBLE PRODUCTS

Eligible

1. Red meat and red meat products.
2. Poultry and poultry products.
3. Poultry feet (meeting the Hong Kong Standard)

LABELING REQUIREMENTS

A. Poultry Feet

1. Feet must be labeled accurately i.e., "*chicken feet*," "*turkey feet*," or "*duck feet*" and the label must include the statement: *FOR EXPORT TO THE PHILIPPINES*.
2. The following must be printed on the shipping container:
 - a. "*Packed under sanitary supervision of USDA*"
 - b. the establishment number
 - c. the name and address of the establishment or distributor, and
 - d. the statement, "*Product of USA*".

Note : Use of official inspection legend is prohibited.

PROCESSING REQUIREMENTS

A. Poultry feet may be exported to the Philippines under the following conditions (Hong Kong Standard):

1. Feet must be removed after dressed poultry receives final wash, before entering the evisceration room or immediately after transfer from picking to the eviscerating conveyor line.
2. Feet must be handled sanitarily, packed in clean containers, and frozen promptly. Plant management shall cooperate in proper handling of this product and instruct plant employees to reject any feet obviously unfit for food.
3. Feet must be scaled and toenails removed.
4. Plants in which feet are removed in the picking room must ensure that feet are not contaminated during collection.
5. The hock joint areas must be observed for swellings and abnormalities that might affect product wholesomeness or product packaging operation.
6. Feet shall be prepared and packed in shipping cartons in a separate room under sanitary conditions and refrigerated until frozen.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

Certification Requirements.

1. Red meat and red meat products, and poultry and poultry products - Obtain FSIS form 9060-5 - Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness.
2. Poultry Feet (meeting the Hong Kong Standard)

a. Poultry feet processed in the manner outlined above are not considered as edible product in the United States, but are considered edible when prepared for export to the Philippines.

b. Obtain FSIS Form 9060-5.

(1) The check-off box statement found on FSIS form 9060-5

"I certify that the poultry and poultry products specified above come from birds that were officially given an ante-mortem and post-mortem inspection and passed in accordance with applicable laws and regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture and are wholesome and fit for human consumption."

is not applicable to inedible poultry feet produced according to the Hong Kong standard and should NOT be checked off.*

(2) When the processing requirements are met, an export certificate must be issued with the following statement typed in the "Remarks" section:

"This certifies that the poultry feet specified above have been processed in compliance with the Regulations governing the inspection of poultry and poultry products (9 CFR 381) as promulgated by the Secretary of Agriculture, and are sound and unadulterated so far as can be determined by external examination and are acceptable for human consumption according to Hong Kong standards."

(3) The certificate should be made at the plant of origin. For certification to be allowed in plants/cold storage facilities other than the plant of origin, a control procedure must be in place that will assure the inspector signing the certificate that the product was produced according to the processing requirements above. Contact FSIS Technical Service Center at (402) 221-7400 for additional information regarding this policy.*

3. Importers must apply for an import permit (a veterinary quarantine clearance) prior to importing product.

PLANTS ELIGIBLE TO EXPORT

All Federally inspected establishments are eligible to export to the Philippines.

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